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SUBJ: CARDINAL'S PAMPHLET ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: SANTIAGO 1975, 2005

1. SUMMARY. CARDINAL SILVA DISTRIBUTING THOUSANDS OF COPIES OF PAMPHLET ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL, WHICH WHILE NONPOLEMICAL COULD BE TAKEN AS VEILED CRITICISM OF GOC'S PERFORMANCE IN AREA. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF PAMPHLET ENTITLED "CHRISTIAN REFLECTIONS UPON THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS." ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCE, APPROXIMATELY 3,000 PAMPHLETS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN LAST TWO WEEKS BEARING CARDINAL'S PERSONAL CARD. DISTRIBUTION APPARENTLY TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH SILVA'S EASTER MESSAGE WHICH ALSO OBLIQUELY CRITICIZED GOVT ON HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE (REFTELS). SOURCE REPORTS CARDINAL'S INTENTION IS TO DISTRIBUTE UP TO 10,000 MORE COPIES. RECIPIENTS HAVE BEEN -- INTER ALIA -- GOVT OFFICIALS, UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, AND CLERICS.

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3. AFTER AN INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH BY THE CARDINAL IN WHICH HE

OFFERS PAMPHLET IN AN "ECUMENICAL SPIRIT TO ALL CHILEANS OF GOOD WILL," POPE PAUL'S DECEMBER 8 STATEMENT ON THE DAY OF PEACE IS QUOTED AT LENGTH. REST OF DOCUMENT CONSISTS OF PRESENTATION OF EACH ARTICLE OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE SCRIPTURE QUOTATIONS AND STATEMENTS BY INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC AND OTHER RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL EDITORIALIZING OR MENTION OF CHILE OR GOC. COPY OF PAMPHLET WILL BE POUCHED TO DESK.

4. COMMENT. DESPITE ITS "SOFT SELL," PAMPHLET'S MERE EXISTENCE IS NEVERTHELESS OF NOTE. IT IS OBVIOUS REFLECTION OF CARDINAL'S DEEP CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND HIS DESIRE TO PUT GOVT ON NOTICE PUBLICLY, BUT IN A MANNER DESIGNED NOT TO ENGENDER AT THIS TIME AN OPEN CHURCH-GOVT SPLIT.
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